



# ALL ABOUT MONTANA

MONTANA is a word derived from the Latin word meaning "mountainous". It is often termed "The Treasure State", "Land of the Shining Mountains" and "The BIG SKY Country". Admitted to the Union as a state on November '8, 1889, it is the nation's fourth largest state. The Eastern third is plains country; Central third, plains and isolated mountain ranges; Western third, mountains and mountain valleys. The highest point is Granite Peak, 12,799 feet; the lowest point is 1,800 feet in Northwest Montana where the Kootenai River leaves the state.

Montana Water Resources...Montana has the distinction of having within its borders portions of three major drainage systems. West of the Continental Divide the streams drain via the Columbia River into the Pacific Ocean; east of the Divide the streams drain via the Missouri-Mississippi Rivers into the Gulf of Mexico; and from portions of Glacier National Park and Teton County streams drain via the Belly and St. Mary Rivers into Hudson Bay. The Triple Divide, where water flows in all three directions, is located in Glacier National Park.

The state has 24 major dams which provide water power, irrigation and recreation facilities. Innumerable mountain lakes vary from glacial pot holes to Flathead Lake, the largest natural fresh water body included in one state west of the Mississippi... 188 square miles of surface area.

National and State Forests...There are 10 National Forests, including six Wilderness Areas in Montana with 16,635,000 acres of public lands for outdoor recreation; 7 State Forests containing 213,000 acres; 266,100 acres of individual tracts of state forest land predominately in the western part of the state.

National Parks...Glacier National Park, the nation's foremost trail park (with over 1,000 miles of trails), entirely in Montana. Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone National Park are in Montana.

State Parks...Montana has 9 State Parks, 9 State Monuments, 33 State Recreation Areas and 130 State Fishing Access Sites.



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*Indian Reservations....*Montana is home to 7 North American Indian Tribes.

1. The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Fort Peck Reservation, headquarters at Poplar, Montana.
2. The Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Reservation, Browning, Montana.
3. The Chippewa-Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Reservation, Box Elder, Montana.
4. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Reservation, Dixon, Montana.
5. The Crow Tribe, Crow Reservation, Crow Agency, Montana.
6. The Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribe, Fort Belknap Reservation, Harlem, Montana.
7. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Lame Deer, Montana.

*Industries...*(for further information, inquire local Chamber of Commerce or Division of Economic Development, Montana Department of Intergovernmental Relations, Capitol Post Office, Helena, Montana).

Agriculture - Cash receipts from the sale of agricultural products and government programs participation payments in 1973 totaled \$1,074,079,000 of which \$564,015,000 was from marketing of livestock and livestock products; \$510,064,000 from marketing of crops. Cash receipts for leading commodities were: cattle and calves \$472,728,000; dairy products \$18,706,000; sheep and lambs \$15,842,000; hogs \$31,864,000; wheat \$342,670,000; barley \$93,763,000; sugar beets \$17,523,000; hay \$31,008,000; and all other crops and livestock \$24,875,000.

Mineral Production - Total value 1973, \$362,457,000. Value of leading minerals; Copper, \$154,492,000 (129,825 T); Petroleum, #112,143,000 (34,190,000 bbl); Coal, \$21,900,000 (9,950,000 T); Sand & Gravel, \$17,583,000 (10,317,000 T); Silver \$10,538,000 (4,175,000 troy oz.); Natural Gas, \$6,505,000 (46,465,000 cu. ft.); Stone, \$5,451,000 (3,919,000 T); Lime, \$2,750,000 (208,000 T); Gold \$2,561,000 (26,625 troy oz.); Clay, \$1,516,000 (268,000 T).

Lumber Products - Estimated 1972 wholesale value of lumber products \$171,400,000.

Contract Construction - (1972) - \$151,364,000.

Manufacturing - (1972) - Value added by Manufacture - \$457,000,000.

Newspapers - 13 daily newspapers published in state.

Travel - In the United States, Travel is the number 3 industry...and Montana shares in this booming interest. Total out-of-state visitors (1973) approximately 4 million; average length of stay, 3.5 days. The industry is constantly growing as travelers discover Montana as a Four Season Vacation-land.

*Fine Arts....*Montana evidences a lively interest in the Arts. Outstanding museums are located throughout the State; summer theatre flourishes in a number of communities; community orchestras grow in stature year by year; potters and other craftsmen have located in Montana and find a ready market for their products; several Western Writers call Montana their home. Red Lodge, Montana, annually stages its nationally famous Festival of Nations in August; the Montana Institute of the Arts fosters art interest statewide

*Capitol....*Helena (pronounced with accent on first syllable...Hel'-en-a).

*State Song....*"Montana", with music by Joseph E. Howard and lyrics by Charles C. Cohan, is available from Shodair Crippled Children's Hospital, 840 Helena Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601, for \$1.00 each.



Montana State Bird...Western Meadowlark  
Montana State Flower...Bitterroot  
Montana State Tree...Ponderosa Pine  
Montana Gem Stones...Agate and Sapphire  
Montana State Grass...Bluebunch Wheatgrass

Population...1972 estimate - 719,000. Six largest cities (1970 census): Helena, 22,730; Great Falls, 60,091; Billings, 61,581; Butte, 23,368; Missoula, 29,497; Bozeman, 18,670. Total Area...147,138 sq. miles.

Government...Montana has 4 Presidential electoral votes. Members in the United States Congress are Senator Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Senator Lee Metcalf; Congressman John Melcher and Congressman Richard G. Shoup.

On the state level...the Legislature has 50 Senators and 100 Representatives elected from single member districts. The Legislative Assembly meets at regular annual sessions for sixty (60) days.

Montana is governed by its Constitution and laws administered by its executive officers and various boards and commissions. Executive officers include Governor Thomas L. Judge, Lt. Governor E.W. Christiansen, Secretary of State Frank Murray, Treasurer Hollis Connors, Auditor E.V. Omholt and Supt. of Public Instruction Dolores Colburg. All are elected for four years.

Judicial decisions are made by a system of courts headed by the State Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has 5 Justices elected for eight year terms. The 18 District Courts are each presided over by one to three Judges elected for six year terms. There are numerous Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts.

On the local level...Montana is divided into 56 counties. Incorporated cities may choose from three optional forms of government but most have adopted the aldermanic (Mayor-council) form. Helena, the Capital City, has the commission-manager plan.

Education...(from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Elementary Schools, 655; Elementary Pupils (Gr. K-8) 100,445

Elementary Teachers (fulltime), 4,672

Accredited Jr. High Schools, 30; Jr. High School Pupils (Gr. 7,8,9) 22,727

Jr. High School Teachers, 996

High Schools, 170; High School Pupils (Gr. 9-12) 48,873

High School Teachers, 2,170

Five Vocation-Technical Centers located at Missoula, Butte, Helena, Great Falls and Billings.

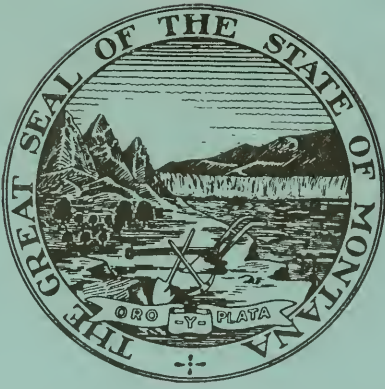
Shared Teachers (Shared between high schools and elementary schools) 578

Administrative, Librarian, Guidance and Counseling Personnel, 1,282

The State University Systems of higher education is composed of the following units: Montana State University, Bozeman; University of Montana, Missoula; Eastern Montana College, Billings; Western Montana College, Dillon; Northern Montana College, Havre; College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte.

Constitution...Available from Secretary of State for \$1.00 each.





### *Great Seal of the STATE OF MONTANA*

A central group representing a plow, a miner's pick and shovel; upon the right a representation of the Great Falls of the Missouri River; upon the left, mountain scenery and underneath, the words "Oro-y-Plata" (Spanish for Gold and Silver). The seal is 2½ inches in diameter and surrounded by the words, "The Great Seal of the State of Montana."

Throughout the existence of Montana, it has had but one official Great Seal. First, the "Oro-y-Plata" seal served the Territory of Montana and later was adopted by the State of Montana. The act designating it the Great Seal of the Territory of Montana was signed by Governor Sidney Edgerton at Bannack City on January 17, 1865. Twenty-eight years later the Territorial Seal was adopted as the official seal of the State of Montana on March 2, 1893, signed by Governor J.E. Rickards.

### Recent Books... Recommended for further research.

Give Your Heart to the Hawks, a Tribute to the Mountain Men. Blevins, Wninfred. Los Angeles, Nash Publishing. c1973. \$8.95.

The American Cowboy. McCracken, Harold. Garden City, New York, Doubleday. 1973. \$15.00

Frontier Regulars: the United States Army and The Indian, 1866-1890. Utley, Robert M. c1973. \$12.95.

This was Cattle Ranching, Yesterday and Today. Paul, Virginia. Seattle, Superior Publishing. c1973 \$13.95.

Sitting Bull; and Epic of the Plains. Adams, Alexander B. New York, Putnam Sons. 1973. \$9.95.

Montana, The Gold Frontier, Cushman, Dan. Great Falls, Stay Away, Joe Publishers. 1973. \$8.95.

Montana's Past: Selected Essays. Malone, Michael P. and Rooder, Richard B. 2nd ed, Missoula, University of Montana History Dept. 1973. \$6.95.

Cheyenne and Sioux, The Reminiscences of Four Indians and a White Soldier. Marquis, Thomas, comp. Stockton, Calif., Pacific Center for Western Historical Studies. 1973. \$5.50.

Pryor Clan History. Pryor, Montana, Pryor Public School. 1973. \$5.00 (History of Crow Indian clans)

Two true tales of the Wild West. Callaway, Llewellyn Link. Oakland, Calif., Maud Gonne Press, 1973. \$3.95.

Sketches of Walkerville: the High and the Mighty. Brothers, Beverly, Butte, Ashton. 1973. \$7.95.

Stump Town to Ski Town: the Story of Whitefish, Montana. Schafer, Betty and Engelter, Mable. Whitefish, Montana, Whitefish Library Association. 1973. \$12.95.

Maynard Dixon, Artist of the West. Burnside, Wesley M. Provo, Utah, Brigham Young University Press. c1974. \$28.95.

*All of the above are available from the Montana Historical Society, Helena, Mont. Prepared by the Montana Travel Promotion Unit, Montana Department of Highways.*